

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Appl. No.** : 09/516,753  
**Applicants** : Gregory Pinchasik et. al.  
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**Title** : LONGITUDINALLY FLEXIBLE STENT  
**Art Unit** : 3731  
**Examiner** : Vy Q Bui  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the pending Final Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.